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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ALAN RENOUF, SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MAR 25, I ALLUDED TO ENERGY PROBLEMS IN GENERAL. RENOUF IMMEDIATELY GOT THE POINT AND NOTED THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS HAD INFORMED OECD OF GOA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ENERGY COORDINATING PGROUP-RELATED ACTIVITIES. AT FIRST, HE EXPLAINED THIS UNHAPPY STATE OF AFFAIRS BY SAYING THAT MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY CONNOR AND HIS DEPUTY, SIR LENNOX HEWITT, WANTED AUSTRALIA TO KEEP ITS OPTIONS OPEN. HE THEN ZEROED IN ON LENNOX HEWITT WHO, HE SAID, SEES PROBLEMS ONLY IN THE NARROWEST TERMS AND WHOSE ATTITUDE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IS "TO HELL WITH OTHER COUNTRIES." WHILE RENOUF APPEARED RESIGNED TO AUSTRALIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM OECD COMMITTEE, HE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF A COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO THE ENERGY PROBLEMS, A BASIC POSITION
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WHICH I ASSUME GOA STILL FAVORS.

2. SIR LENNOX HEWITT IS PERMANENT HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY UNDER MINISTER REX CONNOR. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT HEWITT WAS "EMINENCE GRISE" FOR FORMER PRIMIN GORTON (SOME WOULD SAY HATCHET MAN). HE HAS WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION FOR RUTHLESSNESS IN DEALING WITH OTHERS AND UNWAVERING PURSUIT OF GOAL ONCE GOAL IS DETERMINED.
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